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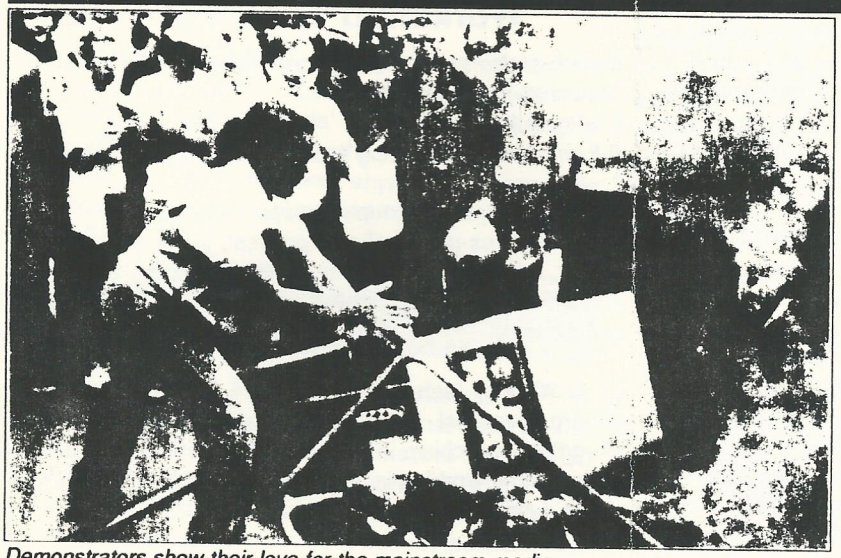

Demonstrators show their love for the mainstream media

Taking it to the Streets

Sunday June 19 about 2000 people showed up for the Popular Summit, an event planned to counter the Economic Summit happening at the same time. After many long and mostly tedious speeches at a rally at Queen's Park, people took to the streets in what they had been told (by police) was an illegal march. We marched down University Ave. to Dundas st, where we encountered a massive police barricade, shoulder to shoulder hit squads of filth, and helicopters flying low over the crowd. Snipers were also spotted on a nearby roof. About 100 people sat down, blocking the intersection. Some massed at the barricades, while still others milled about, drumming, chanting, singing, etc.

During the three or so hours we held the streets, a bonfire was started in the middle of the intersection upon which were hurled flags, effigies of the G-7, and finally three newspaper boxes from USA Today and the Wall Street Journal. Spirits were high. Many people went over the barricades to their arrests, while others dismantled the barricades and threw one on the fire. A group of about 75 people, mostly anarchists, left the march near the end and headed back up University, avoiding the inevitable sweep by police which was carried out shortly

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Whores and Friends Unite
to Fight the Sweeps

In a lively, sometimes raunchy, and always fun demonstration in front of the RCMP Headquarters on June 16, sex trade workers and their friends and supporters gathered to oppose the 'clean ups' - arbitrary arrests - being carried out by Toronto cops in honour of the Summit. Police, RCMP and CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service) officers were out in force, but so was the media, so they kept their itching hands to themselves.

The demonstration, hosted by *Canadian Organization for the Rights of Prostitutes* (CORP), was held in response to recent escalations in whore harrassment - the tactics currently being used include repeatedly charging wimmin with trespassing, so that unpaid fines accumulate and workers can eventually be taken in on an accumulation of trespass charges rather than on the corrupt anti-soliciting law (Bill C-49). Police sources deny the existence of an organized street sweep, deny that they are rounding up prostitutes, as they have been known to do, by any means necessary. Nonetheless, according to CORP spokesperson Valerie Scott, the Childrens' Aid Society, mysteriously, had boosted staff numbers a this time, seemingly in preparation for kidnapping the wimmin's children justified by

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Welcome Anarchists!

This coming weekend, Toronto will play host to some people who *really* matter (as opposed to the slime who crept in here under the shrouds of a police state last week.)

The ***Anarchist Survival Gathering starts Friday July 1st at the 519 Church St. Community Centre.*** Anarchists from around the world will be arriving June 30th to participate in four days of workshops, networking, partying, music and fun. The workshop schedule is printed below; the gathering will be opening on Friday morning with a preliminary meeting, important for all who can attend, at 9 am. Workshops will begin after that. Friday night offers a **banquet** for gathering attendees, with an open stage.

On Saturday night, **July 2**, a **double-venue anarchist gig** will happen beginning at 8 pm. At the Silver Dollar (both floors): Mourning Sickness, Scream, Mr. T Experience, My Dog Charlie, Planet Liberation Organization, Life Sentence, Failsafe and Apple will play . Simultaneously at the Siboney will play The Layabouts, Fifth Column, and Tulpa - that's 11 big bands all together - and $10.00 admission for the lot (somewhat less for Gathering attendees and underemployed). All are welcome to join this anarchist 'pub-crawl' - a fundraiser for the Survival Gathering.(all this co- sponsored by CHRY York Radio)

On Sunday, **July 3**, the Toronto Community Arts Committee is holding a **Concert 'in the Park'** from3pm to 9:30 pm at Alexandra Park (Bathurst and Dundas). Many anarchists will be performing, and everyone is welcome.

On Monday **July 4** and Tuesday **July 5** nights, there is an **'Anarchy-fest'** at the Rivoli, featuring experimental and industrial performers, put together by the local Panic Productions.

Finally, **cameras and recording equipment are not welcome**. People, however, *are* all welcome and encouraged to attend. Anyone with an interest in anarchism should not miss out on this opportunity. The gathering should be great; we hope to see you all there.

For more information on any of these events call :

Anarchist Survival Gathering Hotline
536-2514

Workshop Schedule

(location information during 9 am gathering at 519 Church St. Centre):

Friday July 1st:

9-11 am - general meeting at 519 Church St. Centre

Noon- 1:30 pm - group process, eco-feminism, AIDS: consequences-personal and political, survival, people of colour, middle east anti-war, radical ecology, anarchism and Christianity, anarchists and military strategy/ workers self defense.

2- 3:30 pm - technology, wimmin's health skills, street theatre, personal security, anti-racist activities/peoples struggles, anarchism in Greece, anarchist symbolism and propaganda, working in large organizations, Jewish anarchists, Leninism

4 - 5:30 pm - youth liberation, resistance to psychiatry, security services, anarcha-feminism, racism and anarchism, east bloc solidarity, anarchist press, anarchism and class struggle, athiest vs. spiritual perspectives

Saturday July 2 (Also at 519 Church St. Community Centre))

9:30 -11 am - empire and ecological destruction, pagan spirituality, art and anarchist activism, lesbian anarchists, emotional anarchists, revolutionary atheist anarchist socialism, healing ceremony, intentional communities, Irish liberation struggles

11:30 am-1 pm - caucus: revolutionary atheist anarchist socialism, anti-authoritarianism and anti-imperialism, resistance culture, anarchism and native people, animal liberation, loving alternatives, squatting, wimmin's self-defense

1:30 -3 pm - dumpster diving, queer anarchists, subversive arts, disability rights, building an alternative economy, national liberation struggles, pacifist resistance

Workshop schedule cont'd

3:30 - 5 pm - prisons and prisoners, queer anarchists, radio, the IWW,anti-ideology, strategies in the anrchist movement, social ecology and Iroquois thought, interpersonal relationships, wimmin only discussion.

Space for spontaneously organized workshops will be provided

Children are welcome at all workshops, but childcare is being provided as well to meet their needs and fill their interests. To that end, 'all-ages' activities will happen all day, there'll be fun and wading in the park, story telling, co-operative games, and just about anything else goes. So please *bring your children - they are an important part of our community.*

ART OF ANARCHY

Anyone interested in seeing some anarchist art from around the world should check out the **anarchist poster shows** mounted at **Pages bookstore** and **DEC bookroom.** A collection of posters from around the world has been gathered together for the Anarchist Survival Gathering, and is on view (for free) at both locations right now.

For those of you attending the days of workshops at the 519 Church St. Centre, **anarchist videos**, many of them historical, will be shown throughout the day in a designated room at the centre.

OMORI - *WE WANT TO SET HIM FREE!*

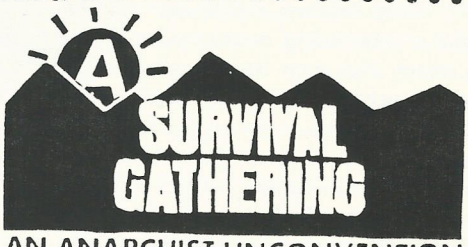
On Monday July 4, at 2 pm, there will be a demonstration held in solidarity with Japanese political prisoner Katsuhisa Omori. Imprisoned for almost 12 years on practically no evidence, Omori is on Death Row and is facing his final appeal. Omori is accused of bombing a Hokkaido government office in 1976, which was attacked by the East Asian Anti-Japan Armed Front for its involvement in the subjugation of the native Ainu people of the island of Hokkaido. Omori is an anarchist sympathizer who is facing death more for his beliefs than for any real or imagined "crime." The *International Anarchist Black Cross* is demanding his release. The Toronto branch will be hosting a demonstration at the Japanese consulate, at the corner of King & Bay streets, as part of the Day of Action for the Anarchist Survival Gathering.

Whores and Friends cont'd

the 'criminal' nature of the mothers' profession.

Aside from the surprisingly large showing at the demonstration, people have been showing their opposition to the harrassment and support of the sex trade workers by organizing 'street walks' - to accompany the wimmin on the street as they work, forcing any cop who wants to make an arrest to arrest the supporter as well - which would eventually clog the jails. It is very inspiring to know that these people are organizing themsleves, and that people outside of their profession are willing to defend them as well. To quote one demonstrator -

"Masturbate! Smash the State! Hookers are great!"



AN ANARCHIST UNCONVENTION
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Popular Controversy cont'd

afterwards, resulting in the nearly 150 arrests of those who remained.

The attitudes of anarchists towards the anti-summit protests were varied. Protesting these seven leaders is somewhat of a red herring, seeing as it's not just these seven who are a problem, but all leaders and capitalism itself. But many anarchists came out to support the day's actions because the issue turned from one of protesting the leaders to one of reclaiming the streets of our city, which have been blocked off for us for the length of the summit. Below are two viewpoints from Ecomedia members who attended the demo.

Protest is a waste of time

Protest is basically a futile activity which perpetuates the myth that our leaders listen to anybody other than the corporations, or care what we think. The only possible use of protest is to radicalize participants to the point that they will create an alternative, underground economy and resist paying taxes, the only way to resist the state's mass murders. None of the activities of the Popular Summit or the War Crimes Tribunal even suggested the need for this, much less sought ways of doing it. Instead, they talked endlessly about the States' crimes to audiences already aware of them, since high admission prices insured nobody else would come. At the climax on June 19, we were treated to several hours of boring liberal speeches, followed by a token exercise in civil disobedience which had no goal other than protest as an end in itself and served no purpose other than to demonstrate our complete helplessness vis-a-vis the state's power. It would have been better to have done nothing at all than to call people out for so disempowering an afternoon.

Learning Experience

While I would have to agree with the idea that protest is a futile activity which gives credit to the "leaders" I would completely disagree that what happened that Sunday was disempowering. On the contrary i would say that for the most part and for most people it was very empowering.. Certainly what happened in Queen's park before the march was nothing more than "movement masturbation". Nothing was said or happened there to really make a difference. The very same thing could have been said about the march, if it had just been a predictible exercise in civil disobedience. But it wasn't! What started out as an attempt to arrest the world leaders (who would have been the jail guards?) turned into people celebrating in the streets, taking back the intersection from the police and doing what they wanted. It was by no means a no go zone, and the police probably would have ended it much sooner if it hadn't been for the media (filthy fucking vultures that they are). But people were going farther and doing things that hadn't been done at a demonstration in this city for a long time. The media, especially *the Sun* filth, were told where to go, and the burning of the paper boxes backed that point up. When most anarchists left together and carried the drums, flags and chanting back up University, it was a change from the usual situation where we all just wait around to be crushed in the end. Although some things were whipped at cops, it was plain to see that we couldn't get beyond their barricades, so for once we made our point, took the street, and left when we wanted to. There was also a good déal of solidarity during the action, and much was seen and learned about what we can do at demos to take them beyond the boring liberal circuses they ususally are. It remains to be seen if what people experienced and learned at this demo can be taken on to other ones, but if this demo was an extention of what happened outside of the U.S. consulate when they invaded Honduras, I can't wait until the next one.

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